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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: EFIN, HU
SUBJECT: WORLD WAR I FLOUR DEBT: USG NOTE

REF: (A) BUDAPEST 4196, (B) MUDD-ANDREWS DEC 15 TELCON

1. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS FROM TELCON WITH EUR/EE DIRECTOR ANDREWS LATE DECEMBER 15 THAT WASHINGTON AGENCIES CONTEMPLATING SIGNING OF PROMISSORY MTRTE BY GOH IN ADDITION TO NORMAL DIPLOMATIC NOTE.

2. NO INSTRUCTIONS WHICH EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED FROM DEPARTMENT HAVE MENTIONED PROMISSORY REPEAT PROMISSORY NOTE. BOTH EMBASSY AND GOH PROCEEDING ON ASSUMPTION THAT NORMAL EXCHANGE OF DIPLOMATIC NOTES WOULD BE SUFFICIENT. IT IS PLAIN FROM DRAFT USG NOTE THAT USG WILL TAKE NO ACTION AND HAS NO OBLIGATIONS UNTIL FULL PAYMENT ACTUALLY RECEIVED. THUS SIMPLE STATEMENT BY GOH IN DIPLOMATIC NOTE THAT IT INTENDS TO PAY IS SUFFICIENT. IF GOH PAYS, THE QUESTION IS RESOLVED. IF IT DOESN'T, WE ARE OBVIOUSLY BACK TO SQUARE ONE.

2. INTRODUCTION OF PROMISSORY NOTE WILL PROBABLY BE VIEWED BY GOH AS INSULTING AND UNNECESSARY. EMBASSY ALSO WISHES TO AVOID COMPLICATIONS OF HOW TO HANDLE ACTUAL PROMISSORY NOTE.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: REQUEST THAT DEPARTMENT PROCEED ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT NORMAL EXCHANGE OF DIPLOMATIC NOTES ADEQUATE.

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